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SPECIAL BULLETIN

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Subject: Enforcement of GM-72, GM-74, and GM-45

To: All Wing Commanders for Transmittal to all CAP Intelligence Officers

1. The permission granted to CAP members to rent CAP planes for bona fide training gives civilian pilots and student pilots without planes a chance to continue flying. If CAP members can police their own ranks, there is every reason to hope that they can carry on. If not, they can expect to be grounded.

2. Wing Commanders are requested to see that all CAP Intelligence Officers under their command are functioning and are on the watch for actions of CAP members who make or permit improper use of CAP planes or otherwise violate GM-72 or GM-74.

3. In the enforcement of these directives, the proper role of a CAP Intelligence Officer is that of a friendly policeman walking his beat openly and wanting to help rather than to punish. His job is to get around to the airports in his area, in person or through a duly appointed deputy, to check on violations.

4. Since there is bound to be some initial confusion, there may be inadvertent violations which CAP Intelligence Officers should be able to stop quickly by friendly warnings and by advising all members as to the terms of the new directives.

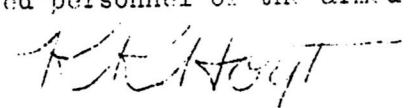
5. When members are slow to conform, their attention will be called to the penalties in Paragraph 12 of GM-74. They will be warned that, since violations jeopardize flying throughout the whole organization, it will be necessary to report them if they keep on asking for trouble.

6. If members persist in wilful violations, there is no choice but to report their actions. Hold reports to telegraphic brevity but give specific details--who, where, when, what, how; names of persons, aircraft numbers, and all pertinent facts as in a legal brief. Be prepared to call witnesses and furnish affidavits if necessary.

7. Ordinarily, intelligence reports will be transmitted through regular channels and handled within the Wing if possible. If necessary, as in cases where a CAP unit commander or a close friend of his is involved, the unit Intelligence Officer may report directly to Intelligence Officers of higher CAP units or, in cases of extreme importance, urgency, or confidence, to the National Intelligence Officer who will back up the legitimate actions of unit Intelligence Officers in the performance of their duties. By vigilance and discretion, it should be possible to meet situations within our own ranks and not have to turn cases over to WPB whose penalties include fine and imprisonment.

8. Regarding GM-45, prescribing CAP uniform and insignia, Intelligence Officers are cautioned that members improperly attired are likely to be picked up by Military Police for impersonating officers and enlisted personnel of the armed services and may be fined or imprisoned.

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